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AT the Court at St. *James's*, the 3d of *December*, 1718.

PRESENT,

His Moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

His Majeſty having taken into Conſideration the Injuries and Acts of Hoſtility committed by the King of Spain and his Subjects, upon the Ships, Goods and Perſons of His Majeſty's Subjects, extending to their grievous Damages, and amounting to great Sums; and that notwithſtanding the Complaints made of ſuch Uſage to the King of Spain, no Redreſs or Reparation could be obtained from him; His Majeſty, with the Advice of His Privy-Council, hath this Day thought fit to order, that general Reprizals be granted againſt the Ships, Goods and Subjects of the King of Spain: So that as well His Majeſty's Fleet and Ships, as alſo all other Ships and Veſſels that ſhall be Commiſſionated by Letters of Marque, or general Reprizals or otherwiſe, by His Majeſty's Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, ſhall and may lawfully ſeize all Ships, Veſſels and Goods belonging to the King of Spain, or his Subjects, or others inhabiting within any the Territories of the King of Spain, and bring the ſame to Judgment in the High Court of Admiralty: And that His Majeſty's Advocate General, with the Advocate of the Admiralty, do forthwith prepare a Draught of a Commiſſion and preſent the ſame to this Board, authorizing the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral to iſſue forth and grant Letters of Marque and Reprizal to any of His Majeſty's Subjects, or others, whom the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall think duly qualified in that Behalf, for the apprehending, ſeizing and taking the Ships, Veſſels and Goods belonging to Spain, their Vaſſals and Subjects, or any inhabiting within their Countries, Territories or Dominions; and that ſuch Powers and Clauſes be inſerted in the ſaid Commiſſion as have been uſual, and are according to former Precedents: As likewiſe that the Advocate for the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral do forthwith prepare the Draught of a Commiſſion and preſent the ſame to this Board, authorizing the ſaid Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral to will and require the High Court of Admiralty of Great Britain, and the Lieutenant and Judge of the ſaid Court, to take Cognizance of, and judicially proceed upon all and all manner of Captures, Seizures, Prizes and Reprizals of all Ships and Goods that are or ſhall be taken, and to hear and determine the ſame, and according to the Courſe of Admiralty and Laws of Nations to adjudge and condemn all ſuch Ships and Veſſels that belong to the Subjects of Spain, or to any others inhabiting within their Countries or Dominions; and that ſuch Powers and Clauſes be inſerted in the ſaid Commiſſion as have been uſual, and are according to former Precedents; and alſo to prepare a Draught of ſuch Inſtructions for ſuch Ships as ſhall be commiſſionated for the Purpoſes aforementioned.

St. James's, December 5.

An humble Addreſs of the Grand Inqueſt for the Body of the Iſland of Barbadoes, having been tranſmitted hither, has been preſented to His Majeſty by the Agents of the ſaid Iſland, introduced by the Right Honourable James Craggs, Eſq; one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

Naples, Nov. 18. 'Tis reckoned that all the Imperialiſts are now arrived at Melazzo, and we expect ſoon to hear of Action.

Leghorne, Nov. 25. Admiral Byng has ſent hither the Lenox and Superbe Men of War. To Morrow they will ſail with ſeveral Britiſh Ships towards Port Mahon, and will then cruiſe in the Way to this Port. Another Britiſh Man of War is expected from Naples to cruiſe on this Coaſt.

Paris, Dec. 10. Yeſterday in the Afternoon the Prince de Cellamare, Ambaſſadour of Spain, was put under a Guard in his own Houſe, and his Papers were ſiezed; the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and the Secretary at War, being preſent to ſee the Papers put together and ſealed up. We have Advice from Madrid, that the King of Spain's Legs are ſwelled, and that he is feveriſh; he yet appears in publick; 'tis thought he is in a Dropſy. The Earl of Stair has preſented a Memorial to his Royal Highneſs the Regent, whereupon Orders are given not to ſuffer the Spaniards to fit out Privateers in the French Iſlands in America. Colonel Stanhope

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